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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-2 are pending. Claims 4-8 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1 and 2 have been allowed. In order to move forward the processing of the allowed claims, claims 4-8 have been cancelled, and applicants reserve the right to introduce them in a divisional application.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at (609) 734-6815, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

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